

## Abstract

Methods and systems are directed to managing sessions between users and a plurality of management servers on a network appliance. A unified session manager authenticates a user requesting access to a network appliance. The unified session manager then establishes a brokering session with a management server associated with a component application. The unified session manager may translate graphical user interface (GUI) messages between the user and the management server, while the user is in session with the network appliance. This provides the user with a uniform interface for the plurality of management servers. In another embodiment, the unified session manager may modify network addresses between the user and the management server. In yet another embodiment, the unified session manager may make a program from the network appliance available to the user to download directly from the unified session manager.

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